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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hope Township Volunteer Fire Department Engine Truck Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hope Township, located at 407 County Route 611, P.O. Box 284, Hope, NJ 07844.

The funding would be used for the purchase a new fire engine for the Hope Township Volunteer Fire Department. The current engine, which is approximately 20 years old, is nearing the end of its service life. Replacing this aging vehicle is essential to maintaining dependable fire emergency response capabilities and protecting the residents of Hope.

A new fire engine will improve reliability, reduce out-of-service time, and strengthen the Township's capacity to respond to fires and other emergencies within our own municipality, those surrounding us and especially Route 80 which runs through our area. It will also enhance firefighter safety by incorporating modern safety standards and updated equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen the Township's ability to protect lives and property, support regional mutual aid response, and ensure reliable emergency coverage for residents, businesses, and the thousands of motorists who travel through the Route 80 corridor each day.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kean, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress